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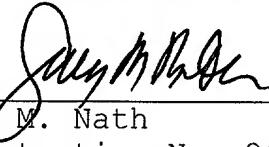
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- (1) Transmittal Letter
- (2) PTO Form-1082
- (3) 25 page Application consisting of:
  - 15 pages Textual Specification
  - 7 pages of 8 claims
  - 1 page containing the Abstract of the Disclosure
  - 2 sheets drawings
- (4) Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
- (5) Postcard for early notification of serial number.

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  Executed Inventor's Declaration  
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